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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Marriage License—
 License to marry was issued yesterday to Nils M. Magnusson and Christina Hedlund.

Divorce Granted—
 At the session of the circuit court yesterday a divorce was granted in the case of Frances Bell Carr against George S. Carr.

Grace Church Guild—
 The ladies of Grace Church Guild will hold the last of the series of their afternoon teas at the home of Mrs. Fred Fisher tomorrow afternoon.

Dyking Bill—
 The bill introduced in the senate by Senator Scholfield providing that dyking districts may issue bonds has also passed the house and now only awaits the governor's signature.

Meet Tonight—
 The Baptist Young Peoples' Union will hold a special meeting this evening at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Owen. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

A Big Deal—
 It is understood that the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Company is negotiating a purchase of the property just this side of the Scandinavian Company in Uppertown, from I. Bergman. The consideration stated is \$9000.

Petition To Improve—
 A petition was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday asking permission to improve Bond street from Ninth to Tenth by private contract. The petition was signed by Frank Patton, G. C. Flavel, De Lashmunt & Ford and C. L. Parker.

Eggs Cheaper—
 Fresh Oregon eggs have become cheaper the past few days and are now quoted wholesale in the Portland markets from 22 to 24 cents. This is a welcome lowering of price, for many householders were hardly able to pay the big prices that obtained during the middle of the winter season.

To Portland For Treatment—
 Last evening's express to Portland bore from here C. I. Spencer, who had the misfortune on Wednesday evening to have the ball of his right eye cut badly by a flying knot from a board he was planing at the Clatsop mills. Mr. Spencer suffered severely from the wound and was considerably worried over the threatened loss of his eye.

Transportation Travelers—
 There was a couple of railway men in the city seeking whom they might lure into freight contracts, to wit: George L. Morrison, traveling freight agent for the Canadian Pacific lines, at Portland; and H. C. Oliver, who represents the O. R. & N. in the same genial and useful capacity. Both gentlemen left up on the evening express for Portland.

Had a Fine Time—
 The Knights and Ladies of Security held a social gathering at their hall on Duane street, last night, having a literary program, followed by delicate refreshments, which all those who partook of enjoyed immensely. There were about 65 present. Some of the cakes were very kindly sent to the Astorian office, where ample justice was done to their fine quality. And as the country editor says, "Come again."

Country Dance Monday—
 The Athletic Club will give another country dance on Monday night, and it promises to be as successful as was the one of several weeks ago. This will be on the night of Washington's birthday. The informality of the country dances seem to appeal to many, and this will present a fine chance for all those who are looking for a good time without any frills. An admission fee of 50 cents will be charged, with ladies' free.

Closing Negotiations—
 Contractor Leander Lebeck was busy yesterday closing negotiations for the work of re-docking and re-timbering the 350 feet of Bond street lying between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, for which, his bid of \$8.00 a foot, had been the lowest and best out of the several submitted in this behalf on Wednesday last; and

when last seen had dealt with the most of the owners. There are eight parties interested in the work, which is done under private contract by consent of the Common Council, to wit, Geo. C. Flavel, Ross, Higgins & Company, A. M. Mattson, A. M. Smith, Mrs. Jeffries, Kenney and Gribler, the Hawes Estate, and Mr. Nurnberg. All things terminating to his satisfaction, Mr. Lebeck will commence work on the improvement next week, and with good weather, will complete it in ten days.

Will Repair The House—
 The Masonic Land & Building Association, which owns the building at Commercial and Ninth streets, in which Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M. is housed, has secured the services of Contractors Birch & Jacobson, for the general overhauling and repair of the property, including a new foundation; and the work was started yesterday in good earnest.

Captain Obie Heard From—
 Captain Richard Obie, who was in this city for some months last year endeavoring to work up a practical interest in the deep sea fisheries of the northwest coast, has been in Portland for sometime, and has organized a company in this behalf, of which he is an officer and stockholder. They have launched the first of three schooners intended for the trade, and will soon make a start in the business.

Fast Shaping Up—
 The plant and territory of the Astoria Lumber Company, at the foot of West Bond street, are rapidly taking on regular and business like shape after the confusion and disarray consequent upon the fire that brought the business to a standstill. The works are all being lined up as of old, and the machinery is being set up and geared, and every provision made for the resumption of trade and business, which it is hoped will begin soon and prosper abundantly.

Has Taken Full Command—
 The forts at the mouth of the Columbia river, Stevens, Columbia and Canby, are now in command of Major George T. Bartlett, U. S. A. It is said he is peculiarly fitted for this command owing to his intimate knowledge of the technique incident to the installation of the fire-patrol system to be inaugurated at these posts. The major will headquarter at Stevens, and it is likely that Captain Percy Willis will remain at Fort Columbia, as commanding officer at

Suit For Timber—
 In circuit court yesterday the suit of James Finlayson against Frank Patton and others who formed the Moore Logging Company was set for trial on February 26; and a similar suit brought by G. Wingate against the same defendants was set to follow the first action. The defendants are alleged to have taken some of the timber off from plaintiffs' lands, though the amount involved is not large. It is understood the defendants justify their action on the grounds that they deemed they had properly purchased the timber.

Died on the Way Home—
 When the O. R. & N. steamer T. J. Potter, from Portland, docked at her berth here yesterday morning, she bore the mortal remains of F. P. Moon, of Hammond, who had died in his stateroom on the way home. Mr. Moon had been at The Dalles for several weeks, and has been a sick man for sometime past. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. W. Chilton, and had he lived, would have sought treatment at the post hospital at Fort Stevens. Mr. Moon leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his demise. The funeral will take place from the home of Mrs. Chilton on Sunday next, at Hammond.

The Man Who Eats.
 The man who eats does so with the expectation of being satisfied. To this end he seeks the best possible place to gratify his normal appetite at most rational expense. These things account for the steady stream of people to and from the portals of the Palace Restaurant in this city. The reputation of the Palace is founded immovably upon the certainty and amplitude of the service it renders to every purse, and appetite, big and little. Open day and night. Commercial streets, opposite the Page building.

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PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50 cents.

JURY FINDS GUILT IN "BLIND PIG" CASE

AND SEVEN MORE INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED AGAINST NYBERG.

A jury in the circuit court yesterday afternoon found William Nyberg guilty of having sold liquors in a dry precinct—that is, in Uppertown, where Nyberg conducts the Imperial cigar store at 1361 Franklin avenue. Judge McBride did not impose sentence at the conclusion of the matter yesterday afternoon but probably will announce the sentence this morning. On the preceding day Anton Kuljis of Clifton was fined \$300 for an offense of a somewhat similar nature.

The jury was out less than half an hour, and it is understood that they arrived at their verdict without any difficulty, all voting for conviction upon the first ballot. The jury was composed of John Nordstrom, Jacob Heblack, John Chitwood, A. W. Utzinger, Peter Gullickson, Hugh Cameron, W. C. Shaw, S. Abrahamson, F. W. Preston, George Hills, W. E. Blackstock. Mr. Nordstrom was made foreman.

There had been two indictments returned against Nyberg upon one of which he was yesterday tried, and to the surprise of some the grand jury yesterday returned seven more true bills against Nyberg, all accusing him of selling liquors at his Uppertown cigar store. Convicted on the first, Nyberg still has eight other indictments to face. That District Attorney Tongue and his assistant, Mr. Brownell, are going after the illicit sale of liquors in hammer and tong fashion is indicated by the seven new indictments returned against Nyberg yesterday, and the force and vim with which the case yesterday was prosecuted.

Attorney Curtis appeared for the defendant and was not backward last evening in calling down anathema on the heads of the two prosecutors for the seven extra indictments against his client. Mr. Curtis said that every indictment will be fought, no matter how many convictions are obtained.

The complaining witness in the indictment on which Nyberg was tried yesterday was John Poukkala, who is now in Finland. The absence of Poukkala made a conviction more difficult, but other witnesses were called in who testified to purchasing drinks in the place. Some said they had bought or saw whisky sold there, and others testified that beer was sold there. The evidence tended to show pretty clearly that Nyberg had a trade in something.

For the defense it was said that nothing but "Maltonia" was sold by Nyberg. "Maltonia" is manufactured by the North Pacific Brewing Company and was defined by the president of that company as being a non-alcoholic beverage, containing merely 14 per cent of alcohol; "Maltonia" is beer with "the alcohol evaporated"—A sort of "near-beer." The jury evidently thought that something else beside the "Maltonia" had been sold there, however, as had been testified to by witnesses for the prosecution. If Judge McBride should impose a fine of the same amount as in the Clifton case, and the fact that this was in a dry precinct would perhaps appear to make the circumstances even more aggravating, and if the same fine were imposed after a conviction in each of the eight other indictments, Nyberg would have an aggregate of \$2700 to pay.

The court room was well crowded yesterday during the trial of the Nyberg case, quite a few from Uppertown being there, and the crowd also included several saloonkeepers. No criminal cases are set for today. Tomorrow the case against D. Falangos of Clifton, accused of selling liquors without a license, will be heard.

At The Grand.
 At the Grand theatre for today there is a fine bill, made up of something new in every part of the show. "The Marathon Race," a stirring picture of the long distance runners, is one of the views; "The Deacon's Love Letter" is another; and these are followed by "The Brazilian Ring" and "They Lead the Cops a Chase." The songs are "Good Evening, Caroline," and "Somewhere." The views are of interest too, and this time are of picturesque Italy.

Plenty of smelt, spare ribs and tenderloins every day at Braden-Adams Meat Market. See ad, page 4.

Running The Gauntlet

David Kirk of Chippewa Falls, Wis., arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of looking the country over with a view to purchasing property in this section. Mr. Kirk is a civil engineer by profession. At the Chamber of Commerce yesterday Kirk stated that he had stopped over in Portland and while there had attempted to make various inquiries about Astoria, and that in every case the Portlanders "knocked" Astoria right and left, and even went out of their way to conceal information about this city. This complaint has been heard so often that it no longer seems new, and yet why business men of the metropolis fear to give strangers information about this place is now easy to understand, unless it arises from fear and jealousy.

Judge McBride Explains

When asked by a representative of the Astorian yesterday if he had received the communication from the Astoria Water Commission, asking him to interpret the provision of the charter relating to the qualifications of its members, Judge McBride said that he had. "I received the communication," he said, "and turned the matter over in my mind, but I didn't see that I could properly grant the request. It perhaps looks as if there is something there that requires interpretation, but of course the matter might arise before me in an official capacity, and so I didn't see that I could reply with the request. But if the question needs clearing up, it will be easy enough to do it. Let it be presented in court and then of course I will be glad to give it close attention." Judge McBride said he was sorry that he had not felt able to comply with the request, and also said he had meant to see some of the gentlemen of the commission in relation to the matter but had not yet been able to do so. The water commission at its recent meeting instructed the city attorney to bring the matter into court, in the manner now suggested by Judge McBride, so that there is hope of having a decision on the vexed question fairly soon.

PERSONAL MENTION

S Danziger of San Francisco arrived in the city yesterday on a business trip, and to look after his interests in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Van Tuyl of South Bend are in the city, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Tuyl.

Mrs. J. C. Denton of Ilwaco arrived in the city yesterday and is domiciled at the Occident.

Mrs. Matilda Sharp departed on yesterday morning's train for Breckenridge, Mich. for a protracted visit with friends and relatives.

H. E. Shippe, formerly well known in this city, was a business visitor in this city yesterday. He is now employed with the Oregon Electric line.

C. B. Partridge of Portland is in the city and is registered at the Occident.

W. H. Moser of Portland was a business tourist in this city yesterday.

R. W. McLeod of San Francisco, arrived in Astoria yesterday, on a business quest, and is quartered at the Occident.

C. A. Davis of Denver reached this city yesterday on a business trip.

Hon. Swenson Morton of Knappa and the Columbia Mills, was in the city yesterday morning on a business errand.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Columbia Harbor Land Co to Mabel Fisher Holgate, lots 7 and 8, block 75, Warrenton Park; \$550.

Columbia Harbor Land Co to John Kanode, lots 5 and 6, block 103, Warrenton Park; \$400.

Columbia Harbor Land Co to John Kanode, lots 1 and 4, block 108, Warrenton Park; \$600.

Walter C. Smith and wife to Elizabeth M. Frisbie, lot 4, block 7, The Plaza; \$275.

Walter C. Smith and wife to Elizabeth M. Frisbie, lots 9 and 10, block 36, The Plaza; \$500.

SCREAMS Vs. SNORES.

ELMHURST, Cal., Feb. 18.—Although Mrs. V. Alves of this place screamed lustily when she awoke at 4 A. M., and found a burglar in the room she was not able to awaken her husband, who snored serenely while the housebreaker, terrified by the woman's screams made his escape as rapidly as possible. In his haste the burglar overlooked a case of jewels, but he carried away a valuable watch.

YESTERDAY'S LAUNCHES IN ASTORIA WATERS

THE STELLA LAUNCH "NORA" TAKES WATER, AS DOES THE "VIKING."

Yesterday morning at exactly 10:05 o'clock, in the presence of about 60 invited guests, the fine and powerful motor launch "Nora," belonging to Messrs. Struckmeyer & Horton of Stella, Wash., complete in every detail fore and aft, aloft and aloft, slipped from the ways at the yards of J. Driscoll & Company, in this city, to the waiting tide of the majestic Columbia. She presented a very handsome appearance in the shops, but on the water she was a veritable beauty for line and poise, and rode the tide as though she has been developed from it. Mrs. Nelson Troyer, Miss Hattie Utzinger and Miss Nancy G. Reed were on the deck of the "Nora" when she passed to her own element, along with Mr. Troyer, Mr. F. C. Fox, and several other gentlemen interested, but neither of the owners of the fine craft were present owing to pressure of business matters up the river.

The "Nora" is 58 feet long, with a beam of 11.6 feet and draws four and one-half feet. She is equipped with a splendid 75 horsepower Troyer-Fox engine, of the latest type, and has commodious quarters and freight room. She has all the essential equipment carried by boats of her class, and every detail is of the best. Her power was tried out on the instant she touched the water and responded promptly and adequately, and the subsequent trial run proved her to be in the best of order, barring the newness of everything about, and the long-distance trial will follow this morning in final confirmation of her excellence at all points.

She will cost, all told, in the neighborhood of \$7000 and her builders are naturally, and justifiably, proud of her, as her owners are bound to be.

At practically the same hour, there was launched from the ways of Wilson Brothers, in Uniontown, the Astoria Lumber Company's new and spanking steam launch, the "Viking," a fine 53-foot boat that will be made the best possible use of by the company when it resumes business in the course of a few weeks. She is of heavy beam, being nearly 15 feet, and is driven by the engines once in the steamer Volga, which should give her all the energy needed in her business which will be in towing rafts and doing general utility work around the company's mill and booms.

Thus Astoria waters are still further marked with two excellent craft that will be notable in the local commerce.

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- Veal Cutlets12c, 15c
- Roasts of Pork.....10c, 12c, 15c
- Roasts of Beef8c, 10c, 12c
- Pork Chops12c, 15c
- Beefsteak10c, 12c, 15c
- Boiling Beef5c, 6c, 7c
- Roasts of Lamb.....10c, 12c, 15c
- Lamb Chops12c, 15c
- Smith's Sugar-Cured Hams.....15c
- Half a Ham, same price.....15c
- Smith's Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon16c, 17c
- Smith's Simon-pure Lard, no beef fat nor any other adulteration; 5-pound pail65c
- Creamery Butter, per roll.....65c, 75c
- Fresh Oregon Ranch Eggs, dozen 30c

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